

Injunctions

giuen by the reuerend father in christ
John by Gods prouidence, Bishop of
Sarisburie, aswel to the Cleargie, as to the
Churchwardens and enquirers of euery seueral
Parish, aswel of his peculiar as general iurisdiction within
and of the Diocesse of Sarum to be obserued and kept of euery
of them in their offices and callings, as to them shal appertaine, for the
aduauncement of gods hono^r, thinc^rease of vertue, and good o^r-
der to be continued within his sayd Diocesse, and the same to be enqui-
red of and put in vse by all the Archdeacons, Commissaries, and
other officers exercising Ecclesiastical iurisdiction vnder the
sayd Bishop, according to the limittes of their se-
ueral offices and iuridictions, in their
Synodes, visitations,
inquiries, and
Courts.



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burie. &c.

¶ For the Cleargie.



IN PRIMIS, you must trauell diligently and painefully to sette forth Gods true religion, and adourne the same wpyth example of godlye lyfe, being circumspect that you offende no man, eyther by light behauiour, or by light apparell.

Item, vpon euery Sunday and holyday, ye shall in your Churche at conuenient houres reuerently and distinctly say or sing the Common prayer appoynted by the lawes of thys Realme, both in the fore noone and after noone, so turning and placing your selues, as the people may best beare the same, and vpon euery Wednesday and Fridaye (not beyng holydaye) ye shall say the Letanie and other Prayers appoynted for the day, and shall also at all tymes requisite and conue-

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conuenient, duely and reuerently minister the two holy Sacraments according to such order as is set forth in the booke of Common prayer, and administration of the Sacraments. &c.

3 Item, ye shall euery Sunday, and euery holre day openly in the Church, heare and instruct the children and seruantes of both sexes within your parish, at the least so many of them at once by course as the tyme will serue, and as ye may well heare and instruct for an houre at the least before Evening prayer, in the ten commaundements, the Articles of the beliefe, and the Lordes prayer, and diligently examine and teach them the Catechisme, set forth in the booke of common prayer.

4 Item, to the intent this thing maye bee more effectuallye executed, ye shall take the names of all the children and seruants of both sexes in your parish that be aboue sixe yerres of age, and vnder twentie, which can not saye the Catechisme, and shall call by course certaine of them by name, euery Sunday and euery holre day to come to the Catechisme, whereby you may easilye note and obserue, what parentes or maisters be negligent in sendyng their children and seruantes to be instructed, and take occasion thereof both priuately and openly to exhort them to send their youth as they are appointed.

5 Item, you shall not admitte to the receyuing of the holy Communion any of your Parishes, whiche be openly knowne to liue in anye notorious sinne without repentance, vnlesse the same person do first openly reconcile him or hirselle again to y^e satisfaction of the congregation, nor any malicious person

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that is notoziously out of charitpe, without priuate reconciliation first made to the party agaynst whom the malice shall be conceyued and bozne.

• 6 Item, you shall not admit to the holy Communion any of your parische, men, oz women, beyng above twentie yeares of age, that can not say by heart the ten commaundements, the Articles of the fayth, and the Lordes prayer, noz any beyng aboute twelue yeres, and vnder twentie yeres of age, that can not saye by heart the Catechisme that is set forth in the booke of common prayer.

• 7 Item, for that purpose ye shall before Easter and all other times of the yeare when the holy Communion is to be by you ministred, giue warning before vnto your parishoners to come vnto you, cyther in the after noone of some Sunday oz holy day, oz the day before they purpose to receyue, oz at some other times before, as necessitie shall cause you to appoint, if there be any multitude, oz in the morning at the furthest, before they shall receyue, so that it be afore the beginning of Morning prayer, so many of them as intende to receyue, and not onelye to signifie vnto you their names, to thintent ye may keepe a register oz note of all such persons as from time to time shall communicate, but also to be by you examined, whether they can say by hart the ten commaundements, the articles of the fayth, the Lordes prayer, and the Catechisme, according as after the diuersitie of their ages is aboute required, and such of them as either can not oz will not recite the same by heart vnto you, ye shall repell and put backe from the holy Communion, vntill they shall be able and willing to learne, and

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and by heart recite the same vnto you. For your better assistance wherein, ye shall call vpon and require the Churchwardens and swozne men of your parish to be present, one of them at the least, at euery suche examination to thintent they maye helpe to put this good order in practise, and take a note of such wilfull and negligent persons, as shall be founde faultie in this behalfe, & so present the same to the Ordinarie.

8 Item, ye shall not admit to aunswere as God-fathers or Godmothers at the christening of anye childe, any person or persons, except he, she, and they haue before receyued the holy Communion, and can say by hart the articles of the christian faith, and will recite the same before the Minister, if he, she, or they be therebnto required.

9 Item, ye shall euery Sunday when there is no sermon in your Church, distinctly and plainly read one of the Homelies set forth by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie or one part thereof at the least, in such sort as the same is appoynted to be read.

10 Item, ye shall not take vpon you to expounde any scripture or matter of doctrine by way of exhortation or otherwise, in your owne Church or other where, vntlesse ye be admitted so to doe, by the Ordinarie, or be licenced to preach.

11 Item, you shall reade openly in your Church in time of diuine seruice, twice euery yeare vpon some of the Sundayes within one moneth next after the feastes of Easter and Saint Michaell tharchan-gell, plainly without addition or chaunge: A declaration of certaine principall articles of religion, set forth by both the Archbishops and the rest of the Bishops

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shops of this realme, for the vnitie of doctrine.

12 Item, you shal preach, or by such as are lawfully licensed, shall cause to be preached in the Churches where ye are Persons or Vicars, one sermon every quarter of the yeare at the least.

13 Item, none of you shal serue.ij. cures at one time without speciall licence vnder your ordinaries seale.

14 Item, no Curate shall serue anye cure within this Diocesse, without speciall licence in writing vnder the Ordinaries seale.

15 Item, for the putting of the Churchwardens and swozne men better in remembraunce of theyr dutie, in obseruing and noting all such as do offende in not comming to diuine seruice, ye shall openly e- uery sunday after ye haue read the second lesson at Morning and Euening prayer, monish and warne the Churchwardens and sworn men of your parish, to loke to their charge in this behalfe, and to obserue who contrary to the lawe doe that day offende, ey- ther in absenting themselves negligently or wil- fully from their parish Church or Chappel, or vnre- uerently vse themselves in the tyme of diuine seruice and so note the same, to the entent they may eyther present such offenders to the Ordinarie, when they shall be required therevnto, or leuie and take by way of distresse to the vse of the pooze, such forfeitures as are appoynted by a statute made in that behalfe.

16 Item, ye shall from time to tyme diligently call vpon and exhort your Parishioners to conferre and giue towarde the reliefe of the pooze as they maye well spare, and speciallly when ye visite them that be sicke, and make their testaments, and for your owne

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of one partes also shall charitably relieue the poore to your habilitie.

17 Item, ye shall dayly read at the least one chapter of the olde testament, and another of the newe, with good aduiseinent, and such of you as be vnder the degree of a Maister of Arte, shall prouide and haue of your owne, according to the Queenes Maiesties Iniunctions at the least the newe testament, both in Latyn and Englishe conferring the one with the other, euery day one Chapter therof at the least, so that vpon the examination of the Archdeacon, Commissary or their officers, in synodes and visitations, it may appeare how ye profite in the studie of holy Scripture.

18 Finally, any of you shall not keepe any suspected woman in your house, or be an incontinent liuer, giuen to drunkennesse or ydlenesse, or be a haunter of Tauerne, Alehouses, or suspected places, or a hunter, halwker, dicer, carder, tabler, swearer, or otherwise giue any euill example of life, but contrariwise at all times when ye shall haue leysure, ye shall heare or read somewhat of holy scripture, or shall occupie your selues with some other honest studie or exercise, and oftentimes giue your selues to earnest prayer. And shall alway doe the thinges which appertaine to honestie, and moue your Parishioners to quiet and concord, helping to reconcile them which shall happen to be at variance at any time, and by all meanes ye can, endeuoer to profite the common wealth, hauing alwayes in mind that ye ought to excel all other in puritie of life, and should be examples to the people to liue well & christianly, not giuing any way iust cause of offence.

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¶ For the Churchwardens and enquirers, commonly called the
Two men of euery
Parish.



Inprimis, you the Churchwardens and enquirers in euery Parish within the Diocesse of Sarum shall vpon your othes duly and truly certifie and present in wryting vnto the Ordinarie, Archdeacon of the place, or Commisarie, or to other officers appoynted in this behalfe, once or oftener in euery yere as hereafter is appoynted, at such certaine dayes and places as shall bee signified vnto you from time to tyme, all such matters as hereafter ensue. That is to say.

1 First, ye shall certifie and present once in euerye quarter of a yere, whether your Personnes, Vicars, and Curates, doe diligentlye, obedientlye, and duly obserue and keepe all the sayde Iniunctions giuen vnto them, as is aboue mencioned, so far forth as the same doe anye maner of way concerne them or any of them, and if they doe not, then which and how many of the said Iniunctions do they not keepe, and in what poynts doe they violate and breake the same.

2 Item, whether the Queenes maiesties Iniunctions be quarterly read by your Persons, Vicars, or Curates.

3 Item, to certifie and present quarterly whether there be any among you, that is a hinderer of true religi-

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religion, or a fauourer of the Romish power, or that stubboznelly refuseth to conforme himselfe to vnitie and godly religion, set forth by common aucthoritie, or anye that wilfully and obstinatelly defende or maintaine any heresies, or false doctrine, contrary to the holpe scriptures, and what his or their names are.

4 Item, to present quarterly, whether any parish Clark or any other persō not being ordozed at y^e least for a Deacon, doe presume to solempnise matrimonie or minister the sacrament of baptisme, or deliuer to the communicants the Lordes cup at the celebration of the holy communion, and what he or they be, that so doe. And whether anye person not being a Minister, Deacon, or at the least tollerated by the Ordinarie in wrytyng, doe attempt to say the common prayer, and other diuine service openly in the Church, and what he is that so doth.

5 Item, to certify quarterly, whether your Curate presume to serue in your Parische Church without licence from the Ordinarie in wryting, and vnder seale, or whether anye serue thoo cures without licence.

6 Item, to certifie yearely at the visitation, whether your Parische haue a Bible of their owne, the booke of common prayer, a Psalter, the two bookes of Homilies, the boke called the Paraphrases of Erasmus, and other bookes requisite, and a fayre and comly Communion cup of siluer with a couer of siluer for the same, which couer may serue for the ministracion of the Lordes breade.

7 Item, to certifie likewise, whether your Quiere

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be comlye and ozderly kept, whether ye haue a faire and comly Communion table standing bpō a frame with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and some carpet oz couering of silke, Buckeram, oz suche like for the cleane keping thereof, and a decent large Surples with sleeues for the Minister, to be bled of him in all his ministration within the Church, and also a chist oz bore for the almose of the pooze.

8 Item, to certifie quarterly, whether your register booke of chrystenings, mariages and burials, be duly kept, and the same chrystenings, mariages, and burials as they happen from time to time, be entred by your Minister into the same booke, in the presence of you the Churchwardens oz one of you.

9 Item, to certifie quarterly, whether whē any christian body is in passing, the bell be tolled, & the Minister called to comfort the sicke person, and after the time of his oz hir passing, there be any more ringing but one short peale before the buriall, and another short peale after the buriall. And whether on all Saints day after Euening prayer there be any ringing in your Church, oz other superstitious ceremonies bled, tending to the maintenance of the popish purgatorie, oz of praying for the dead, and who they be that vse oz doe the same. And whether there be any ringing oz tolling of Belles on Sundayes oz holy dayes betweene Morning prayer and the Letanie, oz in any time of diuine seruice, oz reading of homilies oz preaching, except one bel, in couenient time to be rong oz tolled before the sermon. And who they be that so do ring, oz toll the belles othertwise.

10 Item, to present yearelye at the visitation, whether

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whether there be anye in your parish, man or woman, being of conuenient age, that hath not receiued the holy communion thise at the least in every yere, and namelye at Easter or thereabout for once, and what their names are. And whether yearlye before Easter at such conuenient times (and namelye on Sundayes in Lent at after noone) as the Person, Vicar, or Curate shall appoint and require his parishioners to recite vnto him the Catechisme, or at the least the Lordes prayer, the Articles of the christian beliefe, & the ten commaundements by hart in English, if any wilfully & stubboznlly refuse to recite the same, whether you the Churchwardens & sworn me, or some of you, do assist & aid the minister therein.

11 Item, to present quarterly, whether such scholemasters as teach in your parish, be of a sincere and sounde religion, and be diligent in teaching and bringyng bp of your youth godly, and whether also they be allowed by the Ordinarie to teach.

12 Item, to certifie and present quarterly, whether all fathers, mothers, and masters of your Parishes cause their children and seruauntes both mankinde and womankind, being aboue sixe yeaeres of age, and vnder twentie yeres, which haue not learned the catechisme, or at the least such & so many of the as your minister shall appoint, diligently to come to þ church euery sunday & euery holyday at the time appointed, and there obediently to heare, learne, & be ordred by your Minister, vntill such tyme as they haue learned all the sayd catechisme by hart, & what be the names of those that do not cause their children and seruants so to come to the church to be instructed & examined.

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13 Item, to certifie and present quarterly, whether the lay people of your Parish especially householders hauing no lawfull excuse to be absent, doe faithfully and diligently endeuor themselves to resort to their parish church or Chappel on the holy dayes, & chiefly on the Sundaies, to Morning and Euening prayer, and vpon reasonable let thereof, to some other vsuall place where common prayer is bled, & then, & there abide orderly & soberly, during all the time of comon prayer, Homilies, preachings, & other service of God there bled, and what bee the names of those that negligentlly or wilfully absent themselves, or come very late to the Church vpon the Sundaies and holy dayes, but especially vpon the Sundaies.

14 Item, to certifie & present quarterly the names of such of your parishioners as walke, talk, or otherwise vnreuerently behaue themselves in the church, or vse any gaming abroade, or in any house, or sit in the streates or churchyarde, or in anye Tauerne or Alehouse, vpon the Sunday or other holy day in the time of common prayer, sermon, or reading of any of the Homilies.

15 Item, to certifie and present quarterly, whether you the Churchwardens and swozne men doe leuie and gather of euery person that wilfully or negligently absenteth him or hir selfe from their Parische church, or vnreuerently behaueth him or hir selfe in the church in time of diuine service vpon the Sundaies and other holy daies, the forfaiture of. xij. d. for euery such offence, according to a statute made in the first yere of the Queenes maiesties raign that now is, and haue put the same forfeitures to the vse of the

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the pooze of the parish, and what particuler sumes of money are quarterlye forsayted that way, and by whome, and howe much thereof is leuied and deliuered to the Collectors of the pooze. And if any such forsaitures be not leuied in case of such offences, by whose default it happeneth, that the same are not leuied, and what be the names of such as offende that way, and doe not pay the saide forsaiture.

16 Item, to certifie and present quarterly, whether there be any Innekeepers, alehousekeepers, Victuallers, or Tipplers, within your parish, y admit or suffer any person or persons in their houses, to eate & drinke, or play at cardes, tables, or other games in time of common prayer, preaching or reading of Homilies on the sundayes or holy dayes, and whether there be any shops open on sundayes or holy dayes, or any Butchers or others, that vse to sell meat or other things vpon the sundayes or holy dayes in lyke tyme of common prayer, preaching, or reading of the Homilies, & what be the names of the persons that so offende. And whether in any fayres or common Markets falling vpon the sunday, there be any shewing of any wares before Morning prayer be done.

17 Item, to certifie and to present likewise, whether you haue Collectors for the pooze of your Parithe, whether they do their duetie in gathering weekly, and distributing the almes of the pooze, according to a statute made in the fift yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, and make a iust accompt thereof quarterly.

18 Item, to certifie and present likewise all such persons as be of habilitie and doe obstinately or fro-

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wardly refuse to giue reasonable towardes the reliefe of the pooze, or doe wilfullye discourage others from so charitable a dede, and what be their names.

¹⁹ Item, to certifie & present at y^e least quarterly all swearers and blasphemers of Gods name, all drunkenes, adulterers, fornicators, ribauldes, incestuous persons, bawdes or receiuers of such incōtinent persons, or of straunge women with childe, whose husbands are vnknownen, or any persons that are vehemently suspected of suche faultes, or that be not of good name and fame, touching such crimes and faultes, and all sowers of discorde betweene neighbors and neighbo^r within your Parish.

²⁰ Item, to certify likewise, whether your church and chauncell be sufficiently repayzed, and cleanly kept, and the mansion house of your Person or Vicar with buyldings therevnto belonging likewise well repayzed, and your Churchyarde well fenced, and cleanly kept, and if any of the same be ruinous, & in decay, thzough whose default it is so. Whether the Churchwardens of the last yeare were emplyed to haue repayzed any part of the Church, or to haue fenced the Churchyard, & did neglect to do the same.

²¹ Item, to certifie whether the Churchwardens of the last yeare haue giuen to the Parish a iust account of the church goodes that were committed to their charge, & what church goodes they haue solde, and to whom, and whether to the profite of the church or no? And whether any person suppress the last will of the dead, and performe not Legacies bequeathed to the church, or to Orphanes, poze maydes, marriages, high wayes, scholes, or to any other godly vse,

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22 Item, to certifie & present, whether the churchwardens and swozne men of the last yere haue of any priuate corrupt affection concealed any crime, or other disorder in their tyme done in your parish, and haue not presented the same to the Archdeacon, or Commissarie, or other officers, hauing bene charged and enioyned vpon their othes to present the same, and what crime or disorder the same was. And whether they or any of the at any such time or times as they shoulde haue bene at diuine seruice in the church vpon the sundayes and holydayes, and should there haue obserued such persons as then were absent from the Church, haue themselves bene absent fro the church, & haue sit in y^e tauerne or alehouse, or haue bene ydle else where, or at y^e boules, cards, tables, or other gaming, in time of diuine seruice without regard of their office or dutie in that behalfe.

23 Item, to certifie and present once in the yere, whether for the retayning of the perambulation of the circuite of your Parish in the Rogation dayes, commonly called the Gang weeke, your Minister, and your Clerke without wearing any Surplesse vpon them, and you the Churchwardens and sworn men, with certaine others of the substanciall men of your Parische, doe yearlye walke the accustomed boundes of your Parish, with giuing of thanks, and vsing of such order of prayers and hymnies, as be appoynted by the Queenes Maiest^{ies} Sauctoritie in that behalfe, without carrying of banners, staying at crosses, or vsing anye other superstitious ceremonies in any of your perambulations.

24 Item, to present likewise, whether there be bene

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bene any Lordes of misrule, or disguised persons in Christmas, or dauncers, minstrels, or May gamers, at any other tyme, that haue vnreuerently come in to your Church, and there played vnseemely parts, with scoffes, lewes, and ribauldrie talke, or dauncing, and namely in tyme of Common prayer, and what their names be, and the names also of such others as came with them to maintaine such disorder.

Item, to present quarterly, whether ye knowe any to be maryed within the degrees of affinitie or consanguinitie prohibited by the lawes of God, or any that beyng diuorced and seperated for the same, doe yet notwithstanding cohabite and keepe companie still together, or whether any beyng maryed without those degrees haue vnlawfullye forsaken their Wyues, or Husbantes, or married others. For the more certaine knowledge of which degrees, you shall procure, that the Table touching the degrees of Matrimonie, set forth by the most Reuerend father in God Mathew Archbishop of Cantorburie, be fastened in some convenient place in your Church.

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